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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/516,487	Applicant(s) SHAPIRO ET AL.	
	Examiner Roy K. Potter	Art Unit 2822	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 67-114 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 96-100 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 67, 70-73, 76-79, 83-85, 94, 95, 101-106, 108-112 and 114 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 68, 69, 74, 75, 80-82, 85-93 and 107-113 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 – 66 have been canceled. Claims 67 – 114 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 67, 70-73, 76-79, 83-85, 94-95, 101-106, 108-112, 114 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vacherand et al..

Vacherand et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,929,204 discloses a secure electronic device in which a sensor, 12, 13 or 14 in Figure 1, measures and outputs a value.

Comparators 15, 16 and 17 receive signals from the sensor. A protection device 20 is activated by logical device 21 to destroy all or part of the integrated circuit 10 based on output signals from the comparators 15, 16 and 17. The sensors 12, 13 and 14 are described as x-ray or ultra-violet sensors in column 4, lines 2 – 5. Other types of sensors are also described.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 96 - 100 allowed.

Claims 68-69, 74-75, 80-82, 86-93, 107-113 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Matsumoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 6545371 discloses a semiconductor device with a light blocking film. A resistance detecting circuit detects when there is an attempt to remove the light blocking film. This detection results in a response that renders the semiconductor device inoperative or causes it to malfunction.

Farooq et al., U.S. Patent No. 7281667 discloses a tamper resistant integrated circuit.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roy K. Potter whose telephone number is 571 272 1842. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zandra Smith can be reached on 571 272 2429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Roy K Potter/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2822